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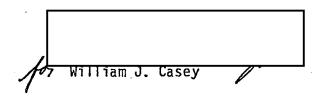
FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Strategic Stockpile of Minerals

Senator Schmitt asked me to think about how we can help another committee on which he serves to determine the priority which should be given to the various minerals in building up the strategic stockpile. I remember the appendix on minerals contained in the recent SNIE on Africa. I suggested that we might be able to give him that material in sanitized form and that, in addition, we can probably give him a broader estimate of protection needed against the loss of minerals obtained from foreign sources. He seemed to want a reading on the acuteness of our need in terms of the importance of the degree of shortage and the importance of the use to which the minerals are put, together with a reading on the kind of instability or other political risks which might threaten their availability.



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